

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

2625

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to 4/12/4.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21, 23-26, 28, 29, Re-number as 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/30/4
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/25/05
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

This application has been examined.

Claims 1-29 are presented for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steve Stewart on October 25, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

At line 2, before the limitation "channels" insert "color".

At line 5, before the limitation "channels insert "color".

At line 7, before the limitation "channels insert "color".

At line 9, before the limitation "channels insert "color".

Amend claim 4 as follows:

At line 1, delete "the steps of".

Amend claim 11 as follows:

At line 4, before the limitation "channel" insert "color".

Amend claim 25 as follows:

At line 3, after the limitation "signal" insert "so as to affect a first color".

At line 4, after the limitation "signal" insert "so as to affect a second color".

Cancel claim 22.

Cancel claim 27.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-21, 23-26, 28, 29 allowed (Re-number as 1-27).

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Cox discloses a system that inserts two different watermarks into a field channel. The first watermark is inserted into a black channel, and the second watermark is inserted into a white channel. The watermarks are inserted into the different channels and constructed by interlacing the channels together to develop the entire watermark. Cox does not disclose the method of inserting the watermarks into different color channels. The color channels consist of cyan, magenta or yellow, which Cox does not make any

mention of. It is for all of the above identified reasons, and in combination with all the other elements that claims 1, 7, 11, 25 are allowable over the closest prior art of Cox.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to O'Neal R. Mistry whose telephone number is (571) 272-4052. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am - 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh M. Mehta can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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